

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT[605]**

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to mass notification and emergency messaging system

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department hereby amends Chapter 15, “Mass Notification and Emergency Messaging System,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 29C.17A.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 29C.17A.

Purpose and Summary

This rule making updates rules related to the Mass Notification and Emergency Messaging System to reflect current practices. The need to amend the procedures was discovered through the Department’s five-year rules review.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 21, 2022, as **ARC 6534C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Director on December 20, 2022.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on March 1, 2023.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 15.3(1), introductory paragraph, as follows:

15.3(1) A state agency or commission may apply to the department for access to the system for use by state, county and local officials. ~~The application is available on the department's Web site at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.~~ The application shall contain the following:

ITEM 2. Rescind subrule **15.4(3)**.

ITEM 3. Renumber subrules **15.4(4)** and **15.4(5)** as **15.4(3)** and **15.4(4)**.

ITEM 4. Amend renumbered subrule 15.4(4) as follows:

15.4(4) The department has developed an operational plan and procedures template to be used by all state agencies and commissions making application to access the system. All operational plans and procedures developed by the state agencies or commissions and submitted for approval shall substantially conform to this template. ~~This template is available on the department's Web site at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.~~

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